(a) the amount of money allotted for construction of new National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last two years; and

(b) the amount of money allotted under the Central Road Fund to Tamil Nadu in the past two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Allocation of funds for development and maintenance of National Highways are made State-wise, not National Highway-wise. No Separate allocation for new National Highways is made. The following are the allocations to the State of Tamil Nadu under Plan and Non-Plan Head during the last two years:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Plan Head	Non-Plan Head
2004-05	86.55	36.18
2005-06	86.91	54.30

In addition, Rs. 745.64 crore and Rs. 694.52 crore were spent on the project being implemented by NHAI during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively.

(b) Amount released to State of Tamil Nadu under Central Road Fund in year 2004-05 and 2005-06 are Rs. 57.98 Crore and Rs. 103 Crore, respectively.

Contribution of ISRO

2212. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO propose to build communication satellites for foreign firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the contribution of ISRO in the field of tele-education and tele-medicine to help connect the rural population in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. ISRO, through its commercial arm, Antrix Corporation Ltd., has obtained orders to build

two communication satellites for European customers. A satellite called W2M is being built for M/s. EUTELSAT alongwith M/s. EADS Astrium. A second satellite called HYLAS is being built for M/s. Avanti Screen Media alongwith M/s. EADS Astrium.

(c) ISRO has launched an exclusive satellite for education called EDUSAT. This satellite provides interactive and non-interactive educational programmes to about 8,500 schools, colleges, institutes of education and training at District level in various States, Universities and Technical Institutions.

ISRO has established 176 tele-medicine nodes connecting 34 super speciality hospitals with 142 remote/rural hospitals.

Installation of Receiving Terminals in North-Eastern Region

2213. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Educational Satellite (EDUSAT) programme is being covered by a regional beam in eight North Eastern States and installation work of the receiving terminals is going on in five States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the next phase of installation of receiving terminals would start in the rest of three States *i.e.,* Assam, Manipur and Sikkim; and

(d) the number of receiving terminals to be installed in Assam, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Installation of fully interactive terminals is in advanced stage of completion in Tripura, Nagaland and Mizoram. All the equipments are in place and installation has begun in Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya.

(c) Next phase of installation of fully interactive terminals, starting from October 2006, would cover the States of Assam, Manipur and Sikkim.

(d) The number of fully interactive terminals to be installed in Assam is 50. Consultations with the State Government have commenced for identification of locations.